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UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

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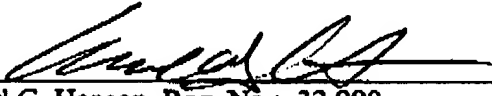
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In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005, applicants submit the following.

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